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SUBJECT: CALL ON CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. I CALLED ON AMBASSADOR CISSE, CHAIRMAN,
IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS, AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 15,
ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR STONE FOR A GENERAL
TOUR D'HORIZON PRIOR TO UPCOMING BOARD OF
GOVERNORS MEETING.

2. SAFEGUARDS ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

CISSE UPON BEING REMINDED THAT SAFEGUARDS ON TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE REALLY ONLY AFFECTED RELATIVELY SMALL
NUMBER OF NON-NPT STATES, INDICATED HE PERSONALLY
AND HIS COUNTRY (SENEGAL) HAD NO PROBLEM WITH
APPLICATION SAFEGUARDS ON SENSITIVE TRANSFERS OF
TECHNOLOGY AND FELT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE
FOR SECRETARIAT TO INDICATE TO BOARD ANNUALLY
AT FEBRUARY MEETING THOSE PROJECTS FOR TECHNICAL
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ASSISTANCE WHICH WOULD TRIGGER SAFEGUARDS. HE
FURTHER SEEMED PREPARED, ASSUMING DISCUSSION
PREDOMINANTLY IN SUPPORT APPLICATION SAFEGUARDS
IN SUCH CASES, TO MAKE CONSENSUS STATEMENT OF BOARD
SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS TO TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE AND AGREED THAT SUCH STATEMENT
WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO MORE FORMAL RESOLUTION TO

THIS EFFECT.

3. AMMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI OF THE STATUTE.
WHILE ASSERTING THAT HE MUST, OF COURSE, REMAIN
IMPARTIAL DURING DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT BY THE
BOARD, CISSE INDICATED AGREEMENT THAT PROPOSAL
OF PAKISTAN, NIGERIA, LIBYA AND EGYPT THAT ARTICLE VI
BE AMENDED TO INCREASE SIZE OF BOARD BY ADDITION
OF FIVE MEMBERS WAS PREMATURE AND IMPLIED THAT
WHILE HIS CONSULTATIONS WRE CONTINUING, HIS EXCHANGES
TO DATE DID NOT APPEAR TO INDICATE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT
FOR THIS PROPOSAL.

4. SOUTH AFRICA. CISSE TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO
RAISE SOUTH AFRICA WITH US WHICH WAS CLEARLY A
FAR GREATER PREOCCUPATION FOR HIM THAT EITHER OF THE
PRECEEDING TWO ISSUES. IN ESSENCE, HE PROPOSED THAT
SOUTH AFRICA IN ACCORDANCE WITH FORMULA ADOPTED IN
CERTAIN OTHER INTERNAIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, BE
CONSIDERED PART OF AN AREA KNOWN AS
WESTERN EUROPE AND OTHRRS, THUS FREEING DESIGNATED
AFRICAN SEAT TO BE SHARED BY EGYPT, ZAIRE, AND NIGER
ON ROTATIONAL BASIS IN MANNER SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO
THAT USED BY BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA IN LATIN AMERICA.
EFFECT THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE TO DENY DESIGNATION
TO SOUTH AFRICA AND HENCE PRESUMABLY DENY IT AT
LEAST CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

5. COMMENT: I HAVE BEEN GENERALLY IMPRESSE BY
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MANNER IN WHICH CISSE HAS PLAYED HIS CARDS ON A
NUMBER OF TRICKY ISSUES. THE SOUTH AFRICAN ISSUE
APPERS TO BE OF SUCH OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE TO HIM,
HOWEVER, THATHE IS APPARENTLY PREPARED TO ACCEPT
A LITERAL VIOLATION OF THE STATUTE IN ORDER TO
ELIMINATE THE AFRICAN CONCERN THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS
THE DESIGNATED "REPRESENTATIVE" OF AFRICA ON THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS. ALL OUR EFFORTS TO DISSUADE
HIM THAT THERE IS ANY GENUINE REPRESENTATION OF
AFRICA INVOLVED IN THE DESIGNATION OF SOUTH AFRICA
AS THE MOST ADVANCED IN THE TECHNOLOGY OF ATOMIC
ENERGY INCLUDING THE PRODUCTION OF SOURCE MATERIALS
AND TO ASSERT THAT AS SUCH SOUTH AFRICA IS ONE OF
12 DESIGNATED MEMBERS RATHER THAN REPRESENTATIVE OF
AFRICA SEEMS TO FALL ON RATHER BARREN GROUND. TAPE

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